



Central South Dakota Outdoor Report

Wildlife Division – Region 2



Brule/Buffalo Counties

Diana Schroeder



Fishing Report: See Missouri River Report below

The walleye bite has slowed down recently in the Chamberlain area. Fishermen have been catching smaller walleyes 14-16 inches in the Chamberlain area. The walleye bite has slowed down at Ft. Thompson as well. The minimum length restriction is 15 inches with one walleye over 20 inches. The daily possession limit is 4 walleyes. The fish cleaning stations are open in the Chamberlain area and Ft. Thompson. The area between the Interstate Bridge and Railroad Bridge is open to fishing from a boat until December.

Be sure to double check your boat safety equipment (sufficient life jackets for everyone on board, fire extinguisher, and a throw able device) and boat registration before hitting the water.



Hunting Report:

The 2014 Hunting and Trapping Handbooks are now available!

The September Canada Goose season opened September 1st through the 30th. Daily limit 15 doves and a possession limit of 45 doves. Be sure to check the boundaries of the open areas in Brule and Buffalo Counties. The boundary includes SD Hwy 34, east of Lees Blvd.; southeast to SD Hwy 34; east 7 miles to 350th Ave.; south to I-90 on 350th Ave.; south and east on SD Hwy 50 to Geddes. An annual small game or combination license, state migratory bird certification, and federal waterfowl stamp are required for hunting this season. Canada Geese have been reported in the Southeast portion of Brule County near Torey Lake.

Duck season in the Low Plains zone opens September 27th east of Hwy 50. The High Plain Zone opens October 11th which includes west of Hwy 50. There has not been many ducks migrating through the area yet.

Dove season opened September 1st until November 9th. Daily limit 15; possession limit 45. Dove shooting hours is one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. A person may not hunt mourning doves on or within 50 yards of a public road. A person may not shoot a mourning dove unless the bird is flying. A person may not hunt with a shotgun capable of holding more than 3 shells. A small game license and migratory bird certification is required. The doves are starting to leave the area due to colder weather.

Prairie chicken and grouse season opened September 20th. Landowners have reported seeing increased grouse numbers in the Chamberlain area this year.

Pheasant brood routes numbers have increased 76% more than last year state-wide. The Chamberlain area had a 124% increase pheasants per mile compared to last year. The pheasant season opens October 18th. The resident-only pheasant season opens October 11th-13th.

Youth/Mentor deer season opened September 13th.

Bow season opens September 27th.

Campbell County

Doug DeLaRoi



Fishing Report: *See Missouri River report below*

Small lakes have had very little use with no reports.



Hunting Report:

Good numbers of doves and geese in the area.

Corson/Dewey Counties

Shawn Madison:



Fishing Report:

Pudwell Dam: Good fish populations including several year classes of walleye, largemouth bass, crappie, and perch. Fishing activity has been low.

Morristown East: No activity but stocking efforts past two years has been successful for largemouth and crappies. Fish size is small. Some northern pike.

Morristown West: No activity. perch stockings have been successful ranging from 8-10 inches.

Trail City Dam: Little to no activity and a lot of small northern pike showed up in surveys.

Little Moreau #1: Activity low but casting lures are good for pike and bass. Some large crappies and bluegill.

Little Moreau #2: Catching nice size rainbow trout on lures and corn with salmon eggs. Stocked 1200 Rainbow trout in the beginning of June 2014.

Isabel Lake: Some activity. Walleyes being caught using trolling crank baits and spinners. Largemouth bass have been biting. Nice population of bluegill, some large being caught. Fish from the new fishing dock.

Eagle Butte Dam: Little activity. Year classes of bluegill look very good ranging from 6-8 inches. Bass numbers are very good as well as perch



Hunting Report:

Dove season opened on September 1st. Still lots of doves in area with reports of good success. Hunt harvested fields close to water and cover. Unit 1 Canada Goose opened on September 1st as well. Lots of local geese in the area. Hunters should have plenty of luck. Do your scouting and don't forget to ask permission. Grouse opened this weekend, hatch was fair but numbers are still low. Hunters had mixed success but overall a good experience. 70 percent of the harvest was young birds.

Charles Mix/Douglas Counties

Jeff Martin



Fishing Report: See Missouri River Report below

Some fish being caught, bite should pick up anytime.



Hunting Report:

There are still some doves hanging around. Duck season and Archery deer seasons open this weekend (Sep 27). Refer to the hunting handbook for info on new teal limits for the first 16 days of duck season. Remember to have your federal waterfowl stamp and duck plug.

Gregory County

Hans Walleser



Fishing Report:

Common Snipe season opened September 1.
Daily limit of 5, possession of 15.

Daily limit for walleye is 4, possession limit is 8. **Minimum size limit of 15 inches.** You may **only keep 1 fish over 20 inches.** Only 2 fishing poles are allowed per person. Do not fish with more than 2! You must be able to see your poles/lines for them to be considered attended. Don't leave your lines in the water if you can't see them. Catfish are biting below Fort Thompson and Fort Randall Dams.

Any questions or concerns may be directed to Conservation Officer Hans Walleser at 605-775-2475 or PO Box 433 Burke, SD 57523. Have fun. Be safe.



Hunting Report:

Archery antelope season is open.

Lyman, Todd, Tripp, and Gregory Counties are closed to antelope harvest.

Dove season opens September 1.

Daily limit is 15. Possession limit is 45.

You may not hunt on or within 50 yards of a public road

You may not shoot at a dove not flying

You may not hunt doves with a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells

You may not hunt doves in state park or recreation areas, except that portion of Angostura State Recreation Area lying west of the dam

Migratory Bird Certification: All mourning dove hunters must complete and **purchase the South Dakota Migratory Bird Certification**

Cottontail rabbit season opened September 1.

Daily limit of 10, possession of 30.

Tree squirrel season opened September 1.

Daily limit of 5, possession of 15.

Crow season opened September 1.

Unlimited daily and possession limits.

Hyde/Hand Counties

Cory Flor



Fishing Report: *See Missouri River report below*

Lots of small bass are being caught at Lake Louise but not much for size. Anglers have also been catching lots of bass and perch at Jones Lake.



Hunting Report:

Grouse hunters were having some success opening weekend. Hunters had a walk a lot of grass but were able to find decent bird numbers and harvest was good.

Hughes County

John Murphy



Fishing Report:

No Report



Hunting Report:

The majority of the doves have left the area. Grouse hunters are having fair to good success on nice days when the weather is nice. Hunters are reminded they need to use steel shot on certain public lands and to check the hunting handbook for regulations. Youth deer season opened on September 13th so take a youth hunting.

Jones County

Dan Dobesh



Fishing Report: See Missouri River Report below
No Report



Hunting Report:

No Report

Lyman County

Dan Dobesh



Fishing Report: See Missouri River Report below

No Report



Hunting Report:

No Report

Potter County



Fishing Report: See Missouri River report below:

Potts Dam – No Fishing Activity,
Lake Hurley –No Fishing Activity
Simon Dam – No Fishing Activity.



Hunting Report:

Dove – Hunters are finding few doves in Potter county and Walworth County

Goose – Hunting is better in the northeast corner of Potter county around the Tolstoy area. Several small lakes and sloughs have been holding resident geese.

Grouse – There are very few grouse in Potter and southern Walworth counties. Hunters will find the grouse in NW Potter and SW Walworth counties.

Deer – Archery Deer starts this weekend. Potter County has a good deer population.

Stanley County

Josh Thompson



Fishing Report: See Missouri River Report below.

Fishermen are reminded that the daily limit for walleye is 4, of which only 1 of those 4 walleye may be 20 inches or longer.

The minimum length limit for walleye caught on Lake Sharpe is 15 inches.

Twin Dams – Little fishing activity observed.

Hayes Lake – Little fishing activity observed.

Ft. Pierre Nat. Grasslands – Fishermen have been having some luck catching crappie and perch.

Lake Oahe – Still hearing reports of good fishing activity in the Cheyenne River and North Lake Oahe area.

Lake Sharpe – Slow fishing activity. Catfish bite has been pretty good at the mouth of the Bad River and in the tailraces.



Hunting Report:

The White-Fronted and Light Goose seasons start this coming Saturday, Sept. 27th, statewide.

Grouse – Good amount of grouse on the Fort Pierre Grasslands and Stanley County Walk-In-Areas. Early morning and evening seem to be the best times to be out.

Dove – Still a few doves hanging around the area. There is still time to go out and find some birds.

For any further information, Game, Fish & Parks hunting and fishing handbooks are available at local licensing agents; or you can visit the SD Game, Fish & Parks website at www.gfp.sd.gov.

Sully County

Andy Schmahl



Fishing Report: See Missouri River Report below.

Fishing on Lake Oahe in Sully County is extremely slow right now. The only walleyes being caught are way up in the mouth of the Cheyenne River past Minneconjou.

Fishing on Cottonwood Lake in Sully County is very slow with very little activity.



Hunting Report:

Goose hunting in Sully County is very poor, with very few geese around.

Duck hunting in Sully County should be very slow for a while due to a lack of shallow water.

Tripp/Todd/Mellette Counties

Matt Hill



Fishing Report: See Missouri River Report below

No Report



Hunting Report:

No Report

Walworth County

Doug DeLaRoi/Brad Saltsman



Fishing Report: *See Missouri River report below*

Small lakes have seen little use with some success catching small perch and bullheads.



Hunting Report:

Good numbers of doves and geese in the area.

Missouri River report:

Lake Oahe and Lake Sharpe

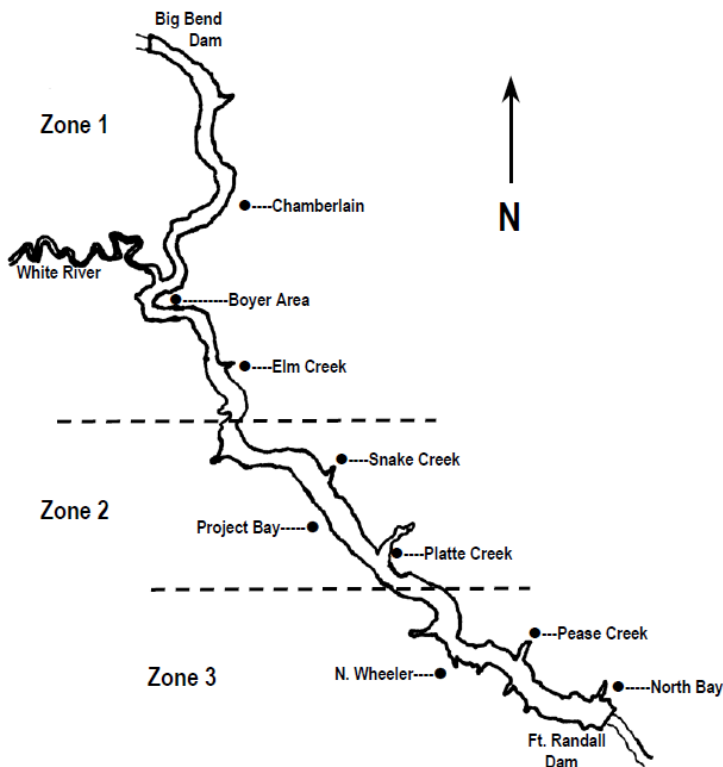
Kyle Potter

Lake Oahe

No Report

Lake Sharpe

No Report



Lake Francis Case

Rachel Triple

Zone 1 – The walleye bite has been tough throughout the upper third of the reservoir. Anglers are catching some smaller fish, and very few limits are being brought in. The walleye bite is slightly better along the bluffs at Big Bend Dam, with some 14 -16 inch walleyes being kept.

Zone 2 – The walleye bite has slowed down quite a bit around Platte and Snake Creeks. A few anglers are still catching some larger walleyes over the trees, but most walleyes being kept are 13-16

inches. Anglers are also catching a fair amount a smallmouth bass in these areas.

Zone 3 – The walleye bite in the lower part of the reservoir has picked up recently. Many anglers are catching their limit of walleyes with a few smaller ones being caught as well.

The walleye regulations changed July 1. There is no minimum length limit on walleyes in July and August. However, the one walleye over 20 inches per day is still in effect.